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- (1) (U) [REDACTED]
(2) (C/NF) [REDACTED]
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(9) (U) [REDACTED]

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- (10) (S) [REDACTED]
(11) (S/WN) [REDACTED]
(12X) (S/NF/WN/NC) [REDACTED]
(13) (S/NF/WN) [REDACTED]
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CHINA: MILITARY LEADERSHIP
THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS WILL AGAIN NOMINATE DENG
XIAOPING AS CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE MILITARY COMMISSION DURING THE
FIRST SESSION, 24-25 MAR. THIS POST IS A KEY POSITION AND AFFIRMS
DENG'S CONTROL OF THE CHINESE MILITARY AS WELL AS SIGNALLING HIS
INTENTION TO CONTINUE TO DIRECT STATE AFFAIRS.

5) (S)

CHINA: MILITARY REFORMS
PRESS REPORTS INDICATE PARTY SECRETARY ZHAO ZIYANG IS
ADVOCATING THE CONCEPT OF ARMY MODERNIZATION. IN A RECENT SPEECH TO
A MILITARY CONFERENCE, HE REPORTEDLY PLACED EMPHASIS ON MILITARY
TRAINING AND MODERN WEAPONS. HE DISMISSED THE FORMER CONCEPT OF A
PEOPLE'S WAR AS THE KEY TO EVENTUAL VICTORY. ZHAO'S CONCEPT, IF
IMPLEMENTED, REPRESENTS A DRAMATIC REFUTATION OF CHINA'S HISTORICAL
RELIANCE ON GUERRILLA WAR. THE CONCEPT, WHICH ADVANCES THE IDEA OF
A PROFESSIONAL ARMY, WILL PROMULGATE NEW MILITARY REGULATIONS AND
WILL ALSO REINTRODUCE A FORMAL RANK STRUCTURE ON 01 OCT. THIS
DECISION FURTHER DISCREDITS THE MAOIST PRINCIPLE OF EGALITARIANISM
IN THE MILITARY.

6) (C/NF)